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In the news

Man stabbed to death in Williamsburg

A man was fatally stabbed Saturday night at the intersection of Grand and Lorimer streets in Williamsburg. Just before midnight, police responded to a 911 call of a man stabbed at that corner, where they found 17-year-old Edgar Soto bleeding from a stab wound to his torso. He was rushed to Woodhull Medical Center, but pronounced dead. **METRO/CB**

In the news

**Jihadist threats**

A Brooklyn man admitted he encouraged extremists to attack the writers of "South Park" after the show aired an episode featuring Muhammad in a bear suit, according to the Daily News. Younus Abdullah Mohammad, 33, admitted in federal court Thursday in Virginia that he tried to incite violence against the TV show creators. **METRO/CB**

Searching for the right place to pray

► Yesterday the last day religious groups can worship in city public schools ► Department of Education kicked out congregations, saying it violates the separation of church and state

Rev. Sam Andreades scouted a karate studio, an auditorium at New York University and an off-Broadway theater as possible places for his church, which is now homeless.

Andreades leads The Village Church, which, up until yesterday, met weekly at PS 3 in the West Village.

His church is one of about 160 religious congregations citywide that regularly met in public schools on the weekends, often paying a small fee to use classrooms and auditoriums sitting vacant of students. But the Department of Education gave them until Sunday, Feb. 12, to stop using the schools, after an ongoing legal battle between the city and the religious groups.

Churches argue it's their right to use the empty space, comparing themselves to sports teams and community boards, which also meet in schools during off hours. But others, like the New York Civil Liberties Union, protested that the arrangement violates the separation of church and state. In June, a U.S. appeals court sided with the city, confirming the DOE's right to prohibit the worship services.

A bill in Albany could allow the religious groups to return to schools, if it's passed. But in the meantime, pastors are forced to hit the streets to find

"I think we're pretty committed to the church staying together. It's a challenge. It's going to be stressful, but it's certainly not going to be the thing that disbands us by any means."

SALLEY WHITMAN, LOWER MANHATTAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

new real estate.

Kerrick Thomas, the pastor at The Journey Church, said public schools were an affordable option when his group first began meeting in Manhattan 10 years ago.

"If you need a certain size meeting space, or say you're starting a new church, property in Manhattan is astronomical," he said. "It narrows it down pretty quickly."

The Journey used to host three services in schools. Now, at double the rent, he points out, he's moved his Upper West Side service from Louis D. Brandeis High School to the Directors Guild Theater. In Queens, instead of meeting at Forest Hills High School, his members will now gather at the nearby United Artists Mid-

the Village also still needs a space. "It's been interesting," he said. "We had about a month to find three brand-new meeting locations."

\$400

Rev. Sam Andreades estimates the cost could be \$400, twice the \$200 they paid to use PS 3.



► Jane Bradbury, a Tribeca mom, attends a service held by Lower Manhattan Community Church at PS 89 yesterday.

Parents have mixed feelings

When asked what they think about religious services being held at schools on the weekends, public school parents were split on the issue:

► "I'm actually not at all religious in any way, and it doesn't bother me," said Park Slope mom Heidi Flanagan. "It's a great way for schools to make extra money."

► But her husband, Peter Kendall, disagreed. "I think there would always be some sense of approval of that particular denomination, whatever it might be. And unfortunately, along with a hint of approval, you get a hint of disapproval." ► Kate Harrison, a mom of a 10-year-old at PS 3, where The Village Church meets, said she thinks church should be separate. "I don't want my particular tax dollars supporting religion."

way movie theater.

It's not just Christian groups that used the schools. Rabbi Steven Burton told Metro his Shaarei Shalom congregation in the Bronx will stop holding their Holy Day celebrations at PS 24 after five years of doing so.

"We always knew it was an issue that could be decided one way or the other," he said, of the DOE's decision to evict religious groups. "It is not, I think, a black-and-white issue."



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Searching for a new space

After meeting at PS 3 in the Village for two years, Rev. Sam Andreades has yet to confirm a spot for next Sunday. "It's probably going to be an off-Broadway theater or rehearsal space," he said, adding that he estimates the cost could be \$400, twice the \$200 they paid to use the school.

Kerrick Thomas, a pastor at The Journey Church, said his Sunday night service in



► Worshippers receive communion at PS 89.

Many members say they prefer to stay in schools

Celina Durgin, 18, attends Apostles Church, which is moving its services to a private school on the Upper East Side. She said she wouldn't mind if other religious groups — for example, a Muslim prayer group — met in public schools.

"I think the government doesn't really have a right to do what it's doing," she said.

Salley Whitman, 36, attends Lower Manhattan Community Church, which, up until yesterday, met at PS 89 in Battery Park City. Her children attend school there during the week. "When a building is sitting empty on the weekends, and they have a way of earning revenue, I do think it helps the schools," she said. **METRO/AB**

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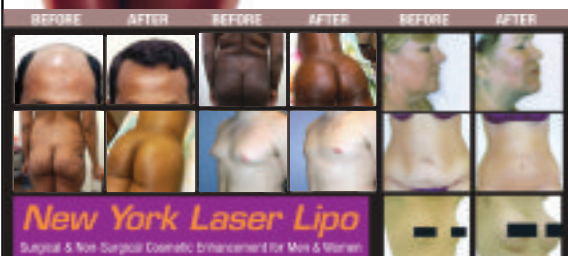
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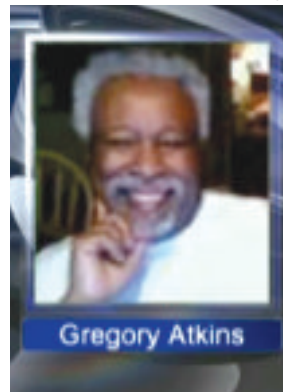
Public Advocate Bill de Blasio is demanding answers from the Department of Education after it was revealed that a teacher's aide accused of molesting a young boy was previously investigated for having an inappropriate relationship with another student.

Police say Gregory Atkins, 56, an aide at PS 87 on West 78th Street, repeatedly took an 8-year-old boy out of class, had him undress and touched him inappropriately on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Atkins was arrested Friday and arraigned on Saturday.

This is the second time Atkins has faced allegations for his behavior at city schools.

In 2006, he was investigated for having an "inappropriate" relationship with a student while he worked at PS 322 in Harlem. The DOE deemed the relationship improper, but it



was not sexual in nature, according to officials. No charges were filed against him.

Still, de Blasio said the DOE's actions were not sufficient after the first complaint.

"I believe the Department of Education's foremost duty is the protection of children,"

de Blasio said Saturday. "Allowing someone who pursued an inappropriate relationship with a child to remain in the classroom is a clear dereliction of that duty."

Atkins, who has worked with the DOE since 2001 and earned a salary of \$33,088, has been suspended without pay. He faces a number of charges, including attempting a criminal sex act and sexual abuse.

Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott pledged to cooperate fully with the investigation. "We take this allegation very seriously," Walcott said.

The arrest of Atkins comes less than a week after another teacher's aide, Taleek Brooks, was arrested and charged with producing pornographic videos using young students.

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What happened?

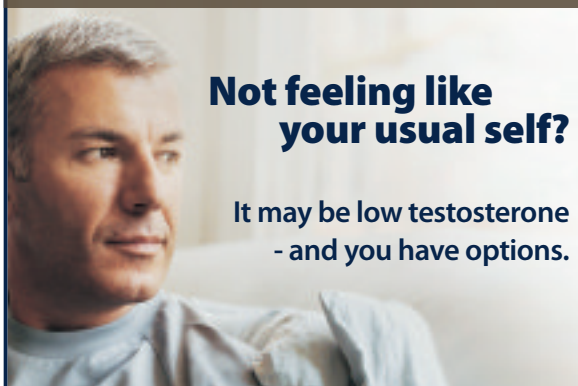
Gregory Atkins worked as a teacher's aide at PS 87.

According to a criminal complaint, Atkins took a boy out of class and had him strip in a bathroom stall four times on Feb. 2. He claimed he was checking the child for bruises, according to the complaint.

Later that day, the complaint alleges, Atkins took the boy to the auditorium, where he requested the boy "take it out," referring to his genitals. Atkins then allegedly massaged the child and said, "I want to lick it." Atkins' arrest comes after a teacher's aide was arrested last week for allegedly producing porn at a school in Brooklyn.

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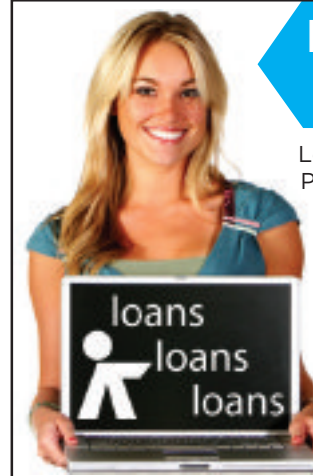
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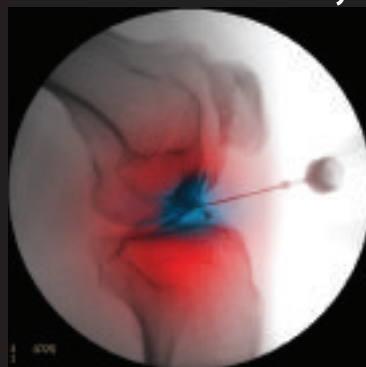
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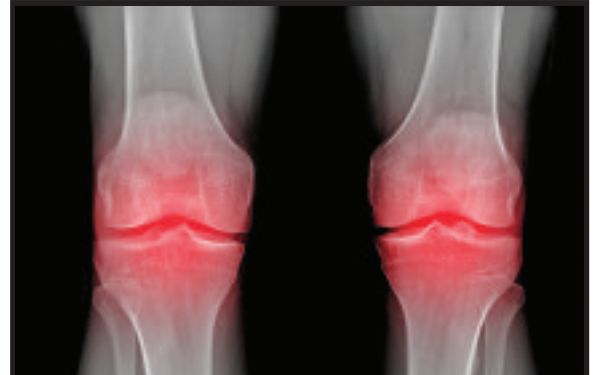
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Bill would require 'passenger advocates' at all US airports

After three elderly women said they were strip-searched at JFK in December, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer said he plans to introduce legislation this week that will mandate the Transportation Security Administration employ "passenger advocates" at airports.

The advocates would be summoned by fliers who feel they've been inappropriately touched or treated by TSA workers, said Schumer. In December, Schumer asked the TSA to voluntarily implement the advocates, but the federal agency has so far declined.

"Because the TSA has refused, I'm introducing legislation that would force them to," said Schumer yesterday.

He said he was compelled to act after several women nationwide filed complaints with



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the TSA, claiming they were subjected to sexually suggestive screenings. One woman flying out of Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport earlier this month said agents made her walk through a body scanner three times. While being scanned, the woman said agents asked if she played tennis because of her "cute" figure, according to Schumer's office.

The bill would make the TSA set up an "Office for Passenger Support" in every airport, where passengers could log complaints. The bill would also require signs at security checkpoints, letting people know how to summon the advocates.



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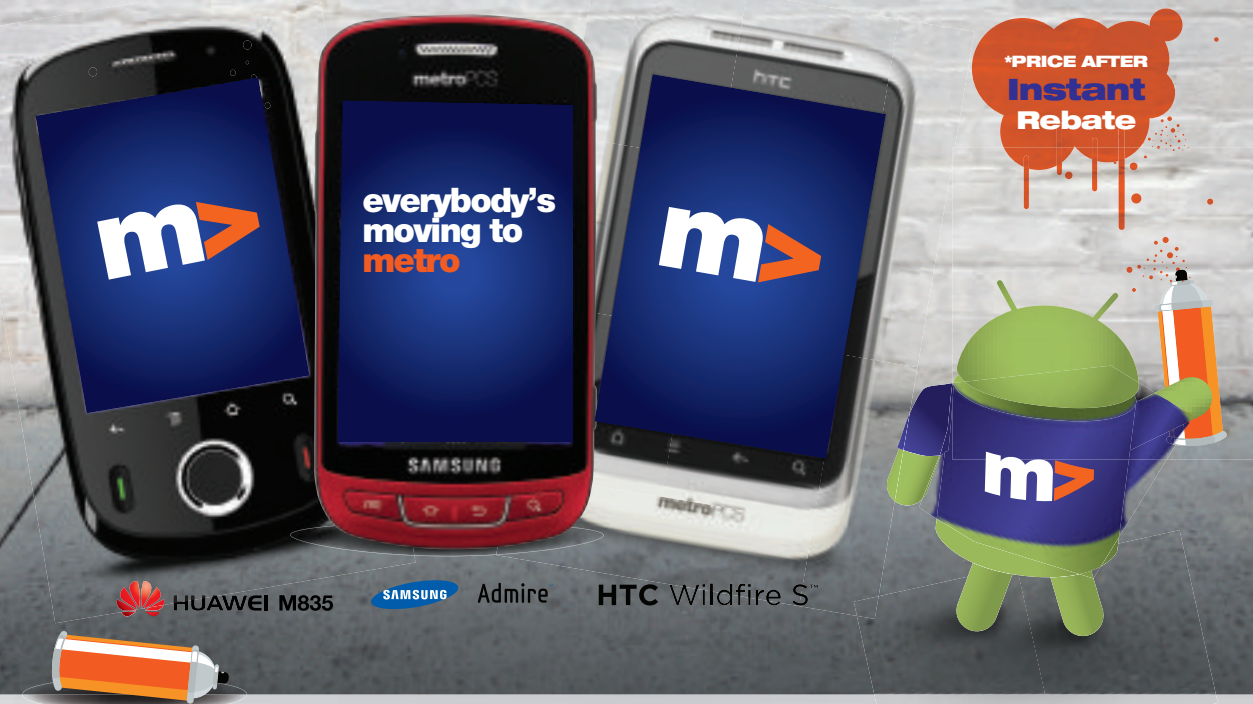
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GOP still targeting contraception rule

Republicans will try to halt Democratic President Barack Obama's plan to have insurance companies for religious-affiliated charities and hospitals pay for contraception coverage, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan said.

Opponents would win a vote in the House to block the measure announced Feb. 10 by Obama, Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican, said yesterday on ABC's "This Week."

"A lot of these Catholic institutions are self-insured, and all insurers under this rule must provide these mandated benefits," said Ryan. "So it really is a distinction without a difference. This

should be rescinded."

The administration sought to quiet an uproar from some religious groups and lawmakers by adding the insurers' requirement to an earlier plan that mandated contraception coverage by employers. Republicans today continued to assail the proposal, which has been denounced by U.S. Roman Catholic bishops.

The White House defended its plan, which would compel insurers to offer contraception coverage to employees of religious-affiliated institutions at no charge.

The plan outlined by Obama has garnered support from Catholic charities and the

Catholic Health Association of the United States, White House Chief of Staff Jack Lew said on the ABC program.

"We didn't expect that there would be universal support, but we do think this is the right way to go and it's a plan that we're going to pursue," said Lew.

The compromise guarantees every woman has a right to preventive care, including contraception, he said.

The requirement goes against deeply held convictions, presidential candidate Rick Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, said on "Meet the Press."

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► Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal looks on during the Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting on Syria in Cairo, where the ministers mull their next move on Syria that a bloody 11-month crackdown has left thousands dead.

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Syria rebuffs Arab peace call

Arab states sought to regain momentum to end bloodshed in Syria with a call yesterday for a joint U.N.-Arab peacekeeping force and renewed efforts to build international support by hosting a meeting of Arabs and Western powers later this month. Syria swiftly rejected the resolution. REUTERS

Airlines to UN: EU-China trade war brewing

SINGAPORE. Global airlines called yesterday for a U.N.-brokered deal to prevent a battle over aviation emissions between China and the European Union spilling into a damaging trade war.

The call by the head of the International Air Transport Association comes amid signs that the EU may be willing to soften a unilateral stance that also risks souring efforts to resolve Europe's sovereign debt crisis.

IATA Director General Tony Tyler said airlines had become wedged between conflicting domestic laws after China ordered its airlines not to join the EU's compulsory market-based system for regulating airline emissions.

China was an early opponent of the EU's cap-and-trade scheme, which has also drawn protests from the United States and India, and the escalating row threatens to hamper international economics efforts. REUTERS



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Ron Paul down but not out?

Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney grabbed back some momentum after midweek losses in three states, scoring what state party officials and the networks have called a narrow win over Rep. Ron Paul in Maine's caucuses on Saturday. But Paul isn't giving up: With 16 percent of precincts yet to report tallies, he's not conceding the vote.

In Washington County,

where Paul was expecting good results, the caucus was postponed for a week due to a snow forecast. Paul's campaign accused local party representatives of dirty tricks, telling supporters in an e-mail: "Just the votes of Washington County would have been enough to put us over the top."

Paul campaign manager John Tate dismissed the bad-weather line. "This is Maine we're talking about," Tate said. "The Girl Scouts had an event today in Washington County that wasn't cancelled!"

Sensing a possible victory Saturday night, Paul hosted a party in Portland. After the results were announced, he told

Quoted

"Any Republican who thinks he's a shoe-in should have another thought coming."

REP. RON PAUL

supporters the margin of victory was so small, "it's almost like we could call it a tie."

Paul also forecast that when Maine's delegates were finally assigned, "we will control the Maine caucus when we go to Tampa" for the Republican convention in August.

The northeastern state of Maine encompasses everything from oceanfront estates such as one owned by former President George H. W. Bush in Kennebunkport, to remote potato farms near the state's northern border with Canada.

Maine has been seen as Paul's best chance to win his first state contest, especially after a two-day visit in late January brought out large crowds. The candidate has a strong and committed team of volunteers, and implied that momentum had shifted in his favor in recent days.

"I wish all the caucuses met today," Paul said.

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► Republican presidential candidate U.S. Rep. Ron Paul has either won or lost the Maine caucus to Mitt Romney by a small margin.

Mitt Romney: 'Severely' accurate

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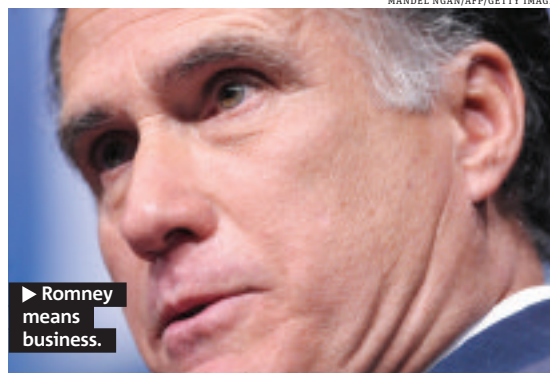
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Mitt Romney claimed a pair of wins during the weekend, scoring a close victory over Rep. Ron Paul in Maine (39 percent to 36 percent) and, more surprisingly, winning the straw poll at the 2012 Conservative Political Action Conference annual gathering of right-minded individuals.

The latter win is surprising in that Romney has struggled to convince voters of his true conservative credentials, due mostly to his former role as governor of the historically liberal state of Massachusetts.

Yet somehow Romney — described as "liberal" and "moderate" by certain primary opponents — wowed the activist crowd. Rick Santorum, who lost the poll by 7 points, has a theory: Romney, he claims, like Paul before him, rigged the vote, "because he just trucks in a lot of people, pays for their ticket, they come in and vote and then leave."

Sarah Palin, who made a splash at CPAC with populist speechifying, also remains skeptical of Romney's conversion. "I am not convinced [of Romney's conservatism] and I don't think that the majority of GOP and independent voters are convinced," she told Fox News yesterday.



► Romney means business.

What's it mean?

According to the Web linguists at dictionary.com, "severe" is not exactly the most positive descriptor.

se-vere, adjective:

- 1. harsh; unnecessarily extreme: severe criticism.
- 2. serious or stern in

manner: a severe face.

- 3. grave; critical: a severe illness.
- 4. rigidly restrained in style, taste, manner, etc.; simple.
- 5. causing discomfort or distress by extreme character or conditions, as weather, cold, or heat; unpleasantly violent, as rain or wind, or a blow or shock.

Romney, for his part, seems aware of this weakness. At his CPAC speech on Friday, he made extra sure to hype his conservative cred, using the word "conservative" (or a close variation thereof) 25 times in the 26-minute address. "I was a severely conservative Republican governor," he told attendees.

Some right-wingers — including Rep. Paul and radio host Rush Limbaugh — were particularly confused by the "severely" line, but we weren't. "Severe," as readers can see in the box to the left, refers specifically to "unnecessary" extremes, "grave" epidemics like sickness, "rigid" ideas and beliefs, and those people and things known for "causing discomfort," "distress" or "unpleasant violence." Sounds remarkably on the money.

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Sometimes you've only got time for the headlines:

- "Romney's Unconvincing Victories" **NEW YORKER**
- "At CPAC, Mitt Romney throws red meat" **POLITICO**
- "Romney is the right man for America. George Romney, that is" **THE WASHINGTON POST**
- "Santorum plans aggressive strategy against Romney" **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**
- "Mitt Romney Once Backed Provision He Now Decries" **HUFFINGTON POST**
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What happened to Whitney?

Q&A with expert on addiction

Legendary songstress Whitney Houston was found dead in her bathtub on Saturday afternoon. No evidence of crime or self-harm was found at the scene. She was due to attend her mentor Clive Davis' pre-Grammy party that night, as well as the actual ceremony the following day.

The 48-year-old Houston was known to have used cocaine, crack cocaine and weed in the past — addictions she sought to end with a number of stints in rehab.

The cause of her death remains unknown.

We speak to addiction expert Dr. John Sharpe about her death:

Addicts often seem to die suddenly. Why is that?



We know that she has had a long struggle with drugs, namely cocaine and crack cocaine, and it may have beaten her. Over the years, it can ravage the body and people get worn down — which can have catastrophic consequences.

Cocaine can cause stress, which can further lead to heart attacks, aneurysms or strokes. Although in Whitney's case, it could have been unrelated.

What do you think could have been the cause of her death?

"We know that she has had a long struggle with drugs, namely cocaine and crack cocaine, and it may have beaten her."

SHARPE

I think her body gave in to years of abuse or a recent period of indulgence. She had recently just wrapped up shooting for the movie "Sparkle" and was in L.A. over the weekend getting ready to attend Clive Davis' party. These are all relevant factors. People celebrate big accomplishments, and I worry that she may have overindulged in old vices at the wrong time. It was just 3

o'clock in the afternoon [when she died]. I'd like to believe she got the drugs out of her system, and in a moment of total letdown her body gave out.

Do you think she could have overdosed?

I don't think she overdosed. If someone uses cocaine, even if they are not old, they run the risk of significant cardiovascular strain. What people don't get is that it can happen at any time, even the first time you use the drug. But if drugs have worn you down, you may have developed an underlying vulnerability or cardiac problem, and you can add to that the stress of the cocaine and life. People who use don't see that any time could be the last time. She was too young to die in a

bathtub but old enough to have suffered the cumulative ravages of drug use.

Reports about her recent health are conflicting. What do you make of that?

Some say she looked wonderful recently and others say she was far from that. There are a lot of conflicting reports, that she was totally clean and fine or that she has been highly intoxicated. She has had a lot of stress in her life, a lot of emotional battles and these health factors alone can kill you.

She was the queen of the music industry. What people need to hear is that when you lead a life like she did, you cannot avoid coming into contact with drugs or alcohol. You wind up having to deal with your demons. It's a cautionary tale. The next queens out there need to know in advance the potential risks and need to find a way to keep a level head and stay healthy.

I just don't think Whitney dealt with her demons.



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WHITNEY HOUSTON: WHAT WE KNOW FOR NOW

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES



The feed ...

► Stars react to the passing of Whitney Houston on Twitter.

@BarbraStreisand
She had everything, beauty, a magnificent voice. How sad her gifts could not bring her the same happiness they brought us.

@Oprah
To me Whitney was THE VOICE. We got to hear a part of God every time she sang. Heart is heavy, spirit grateful for the GIFT of her.

@MariahCarey
She will never be forgotten as one of the greatest voices to ever grace the earth.

@SpikeLee
God Bless The Dead. Whitney Houston R.I.P. She Was Only 48 Years Young.

@SimonCowell
I am so sad to hear about Whitney. We have lost one of the greatest singers of all time.

@TonyBennett
It's a tragedy. Whitney Houston was the greatest singer I've ever heard and she will be truly missed.

@ChristinaAguilera
We have lost another legend.

The shocking news that music legend **Whitney Houston** died on Saturday at the age of 48 has everyone in the world asking: What happened? As of press time, this is what we know:

► On Thursday afternoon, a Los Angeles Times reporter who was on hand to cover rehearsals with **Brandy, Monica, and Clive Davis** for the mogul's annual pre-Grammys party described Houston as reeking of alcohol, "visibly bloated" and "disheveled in mismatched clothes and hair that was dripping wet with either sweat or

water." They report she spent half the day "wandering aimlessly" around the lobby of the Beverly Hills Hilton, where she was staying and where she was set to perform at the same event. Reportedly, guests even called security on the singer, who was performing handstands by the hotel pool.

► An autopsy was performed yesterday, but it looks like the cause of death was from drowning in a bathtub; Houston was probably under some kind of sedation. According to TMZ.com, her stylist, hairdresser and two bodyguards were

among the ones who found Houston underwater. She had apparently been in the bathroom for more than an hour when her hairdresser went in to check on her, and then screamed for help.

► Per TMZ.com, they discovered her with her "face below the water and her legs up ... like she had slid down the back of the tub." The bodyguards pulled her out and called hotel security. After performing CPR on her "cold" body, paramedics pronounced her dead at 3:55 p.m.

► Radaronline.com reports that no illicit drugs were found in Houston's hotel room, but police did recover a half dozen pill bottles from her room, including Xanax, Lorazepam and Valium.

► Houston's 18-year-old daughter, **Bobbi Kristina**, has been hospitalized twice over the weekend. "She was distraught, on the verge of a complete breakdown," a source tells Radaronline.com.



► Fans created a makeshift memorial in front of the Beverly Hills Hilton to mark Whitney Houston's passing on Saturday.

Bobby Brown releases statement

In his first official comments about the death of his ex-wife, the R&B star released a statement to People say-



Brown

ing, "I am deeply saddened at the passing of my ex-wife, Whitney Houston." He adds, "At this time, we ask for privacy, especially for my daughter, **Bobbi Kristina**. I appreciate all of the condolences that have been directed towards my family and I at this most difficult time."



► One of the last known photos taken of Houston: Here she is, arriving to a Grammy Party at Tru Hollywood on Thursday. She looked much better than the LA Times reported her as seeming.

Party on?

Clive Davis, Houston's mentor, went on with his annual pre-Grammys bash at the Hilton hours after his protege died in the same hotel. Instead of canceling the event, which was attended by celebrities such as **Alicia Keys, Tom Hanks, Jennifer Hudson, Diana Ross, Princess Beatrice,**

Brandy, Mary J. Blige, Jessie J and Kim Kardashian (who, judging by this photo, decided to go with a demure look in respect for Houston's passing), Davis, 79, held a moment of silence before a slew of performances dedicated to her. What do you think? Was not canceling the event — at which Houston was to perform — in bad taste?



A Kardashian in mourning



Whitney Houston: Looking back

1. This undated photo of a young Whitney Houston — perhaps when she was around 19 — shows her with the man who discovered her, Clive Davis.

2. Houston and her mother, gospel singer Cissy Houston, visited MTV in 1986.

3. A 1987 snapshot shows Houston at the filming of her music video, the '80s classic "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)."

4. Houston performed what many consider to be the best rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" before Super Bowl XXV in 1991 in Tampa, Fla. After the attacks of 9/11, the single of this rendition climbed all the way to No. 6 on the charts.

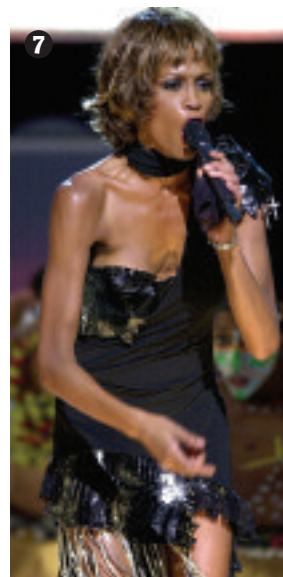
5. Houston posed with then-husband Bobby Brown and daughter Bobbi Kristina in 1998. In a 2002 interview with Diane Sawyer, she said she considered her family to be one of her greatest achievements.

6. Showstoppers: Mariah Carey and Houston performed "When You Believe" during the 71st Academy Awards in 1999.

7. Rumors circulated after the icon appeared scarily gaunt during Michael Jackson's 30th Anniversary Celebration at Madison Square Garden in New York City in 2001.

8. Whitney Houston and daughter Bobbi Kristina (Houston and Brown divorced in 2007) arrived at the Clive Davis and The Recording Academy's 2011 Pre-Grammy Gala at The Beverly Hilton hotel on Feb. 12, 2011, in Beverly Hills, Calif. Houston would die almost exactly one year later before the same event.

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ROLLING IN THE SWEEP

► Adele wins big, but Grammy Awards overshadowed by untimely death of incomparable Whitney Houston

When LL Cool J took the stage to host the 54th Grammy Awards last night, he immediately cleared the air and set the tone for a show that was mostly full of reflective moments, with a few bursts of celebrating the healing powers of music.

"There is no way around this," said the host, who appeared to have tear-stained cheeks. "We've had a death in our family."

He then led the crowd in a prayer to remember Whitney Houston, who died on Saturday. Later in the show, Jennifer Hudson belted out a crushing version of "I Will Always Love You" for which Houston won the Record of the Year award in 1994. Hudson's rendition was full of sadness and beauty, much like Houston's all too short life. The tribute was especially touching, given that Houston — who had six Grammy Awards to her name — had presented Hudson with her first Grammy award just three years earlier.

Speaking of goosebump-in-

Winners

- **Record of the Year:** Adele, "Rolling in the Deep"
- **Album of the Year:** Adele, "21"
- **Song of the Year:** Adele, "Rolling in the Deep"
- **Best New Artist:** Bon Iver
- **Best Rock Album:** Foo Fighters "Wasting Light"
- **Best Rap Album:** Kanye West "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy"
- **Best Country Album:** Lady Antebellum, "Own the Night"
- **Best Alternative Album:** Bon Iver "Bon Iver"

ducing performances and Record of the Year awards, when Adele sang "Rolling in the Deep," her first performance since having vocal surgery in November, she brought the whole crowd to its feet.

The British singer won every single award she was nominated for this year, including the big three, Record of the Year,

Song of the Year and Album of the Year.

"Thank you so much, this is ridiculous," Adele said upon winning the Record of the Year award. In accepting other awards, she was humble and quick to deflect attention to her co-writers. And when she won the final award, she burst into tears, and had a hilarious moment where she acknowledged "a little bit of snot."

Elsewhere in the show, some of the evening's performances seemed inappropriately over-the-top, such as Chris Brown's two appearances, and Nicki Minaj's elaborate rap opera of "The Exorcism of Roman." Foo Fighters turned in passionate, yet purposefully understated performances of "Walk" and "Rope," the former of which won the Grammy for Best Rock Song. Dave Grohl and company quietly won five awards, including Best Rock Album.

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► Adele could have had it all, and she did have it all, including "a little bit of snot."

The greatest love of all

With the sudden death of one of the greatest singers in pop history on Saturday, everybody was talking about Whitney Houston last night, both on the red carpet with Ryan Seacrest, and at the podium. Here are some of the more notable quotes.

- "I think everyone's kind of in shock. ... She impacted everybody. She's Whitney freaking Houston!" Adam Levine of Maroon 5
- "I feel like there is a little bit

of a dark cloud, but it's ironic, because instead of grieving, we can all let music heal us. ... We can celebrate Whitney with music, because that's what she lived for." Miranda Lambert

► "She paved the way for a lot of people. She inspired me." Flo Rida

► "Make some noise for Whitney!" Rihanna

► "I just want to say to Whitney, up in heaven, we love you." Stevie Wonder

► "Tonight we're celebrating the music of Miss Whitney Houston!" Bruno Mars



► Whitney Houston won six Grammy awards during her lifetime.



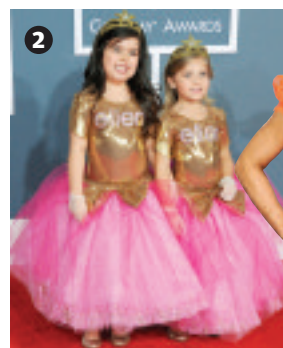
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On the red carpet

1. Lady Gaga? Is that you? Nope, it's Nicki Minaj with an unidentified date in what was probably the evening's most, um, blasphemous outfit.
2. British Internet sensations Sophia Grace, 8, and her cousin Rosie, 5, who went viral after performing Nicki Minaj's "Super Bass" on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," appeared at the Grammys in what might be the cutest red carpet outfits of all time.
3. Granny panties? Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas played peek-a-boo in Jean Paul Gaultier couture.
4. Bruno Mars dressed up in Thom Browne. Sadly, his ankles did not get the same treatment.
5. Recent divorcee Katy Perry



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showed up in a full-length sparkly baby blue Elie Saab gown — with a blue bouffant to match. 6. Oh, Robyn. Could you be any more Scandinavian? Perhaps her choice of a red carpet outfit (with platform hiking boots!) reflected losing out to Skrillex for Best Dance Album.

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Das Racist off to the races

► Member of the hip-hop crew on why they probably will not be performing a duet with Lou Reed at the Tibet House benefit tonight ► They do have something special planned to class up their songs tonight though

The members of Das Racist have been getting into the spirit of the Tibet House Concert. The annual show, which composer Phillip Glass has put together for the past 21 years, is known for bringing together disparate artists for the one cause of raising money and awareness for the people of Tibet.

Ashok Kondabolu — who as the hype man in Das Racist goes by the name Dap — says he was surprised to be added to a lineup that includes Lou Reed, James Blake, Laurie Anderson, Rahzel and Dechen Shak-Dagsay.

Dap doesn't think that there's much of a chance that his hip-hop crew, known for vacillating between social commentary and extreme silliness,

"As far as collaborating, it would probably be pretty mishmashy if we did a song with Lou Reed or something. It would probably not be a song that I would ever listen to, but it will be cool to be in a room with those dudes."

DAP ON WHAT TO EXPECT (AND WHAT NOT TO EXPECT) AT TONIGHT'S SHOW

will necessarily share the stage with anybody on the roster.

"As far as collaborating, it would probably be pretty mishmashy if we did a song with Lou Reed or something," he says with a laugh. "It would probably not be a song that I would ever listen to, but it will be cool to be in a room with those dudes."

But that doesn't mean Das Racist doesn't have something special planned.

"We're trying to actually work on getting the string quartet arrangements to 'Michael Jackson' and 'Rainbow in the Dark' to do at Tibet House," Dap says.



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Das Racist is, from left, Heems, Kool A.D. and Dap.

Feel me?

One of the songs to get special treatment tonight, "Michael Jackson," features the seemingly nonsensical hook of the three Das Racist members shouting, "Michael Jackson, one million dollars, you feel me?" And apparently, a lot of people did feel it, as the

single was a bit of an underground hit for the group last year. Dap is humble when acknowledging the single's success.

"Probably a handful of Michael Jackson fans saw it, and were like 'What's this about?' and they're probably older so they bought it on iTunes instead of illegally downloading it like a normal

person," he says. "And then they were probably just confused. ... That's our target demographic, confusing older people into buying our music."

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'The Vow' leads strong box office weekend



► Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams romanced American audiences at the box office this weekend.

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Romance movie "The Vow" topped U.S. and Canadian movie box office charts over a pre-Valentine's Day weekend that saw the top three films exceed expectations, according to studio estimates released yesterday.

"The Vow," starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum, took in \$41.7 million at theaters from Friday through Sunday. Action movie

"Safe House," with Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds, took second place with \$39.3 million.

In third place, family film "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" brought in \$27.6 million.

The movie division of Sony Corp. released "The Vow." "Safe House" was from Universal Pictures, a division of Comcast Corp. And Warner Bros. distributed "Journey 2." **REUTERS**

TV watch list

'Mike & Molly'

COMEDY. Mike may miss Valentine's Day dinner. The "but my love for you isn't reserved for just one day" line isn't going to get you out of this one, buddy. **9:31 p.m., CBS**

'Smash'

DRAMA. No one said stepping into the shoes of Marilyn Monroe was going to be easy — especially not temperamental director Derek, who makes Karen and Ivy jump through hoops to



► Mike better have roses in that other hand for Molly after a Valentine's Day mishap on "Mike & Molly."

earn the role. **10 p.m., NBC**

'The BET Honors'

SPECIAL. The annual event hon-

oring African American achievement recognizes the work of Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey, Maya Angelou, Spike Lee, Beverly Kearney and the

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REALITY. Ben and the remaining six bachelorettes travel to Belize, where they go on a beautiful bike ride, dive through pristine waters and visit Mayan ruins. It's like a two-hour travel brochure — well, until the hot tub shenanigans begin. **8 p.m., ABC** **AMBER RAY**

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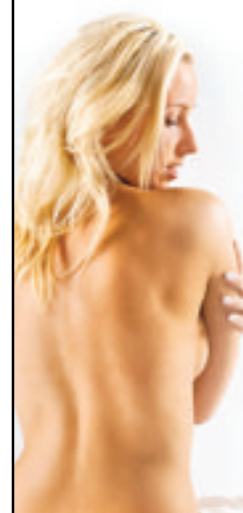
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Calming breath

► Sit back to back with your partner in a comfortable position, making sure your spine is straight. Sitting on a pillow may help lift your lower back. Start breathing in and out together, and feel each other's breath as you start breathing in unison.

► Breathe in for two counts and out for four for a few rounds. Then, in for three and out for six; then, in for four and out for eight, gradually building up to in for five and out for ten.

Spinal twist

► Lie on your backs next to each other and stretch your arms to the side. Your left hand can hold your partner's right wrist and vice versa.

► Place your feet flat on floor, then lift your feet off the ground and bring your knees into your chest.

► Lower your knees to the right. As you are both lowering your knees in same direction, take five breaths.

► Lift your knees and then lower over to the left side, taking five breaths.

► Place your feet back on the ground. The spinal twist opens the chest (where the heart is) and releases tension in the lower back, shoulders and neck.

This helps you create a deep feeling of relaxation. This is your chance to slow down the nervous system and connect with your partner after a busy day.

Downward dog

► Position your mats in a straight line (not side by side). Facing away from each other, get on your hands and knees. With your toes tucked under, lift your bum up in the air and press your thighs back to straighten the legs.

► Press in your hands as you straighten the arms and press your bum up as high as possible. If you both look between your legs you should be able to see one another.

► From here, tread gently from heel to heel or take long breaths in and deep sighs out. This is a great pose to stretch the back and strengthen the arms and shoulders.

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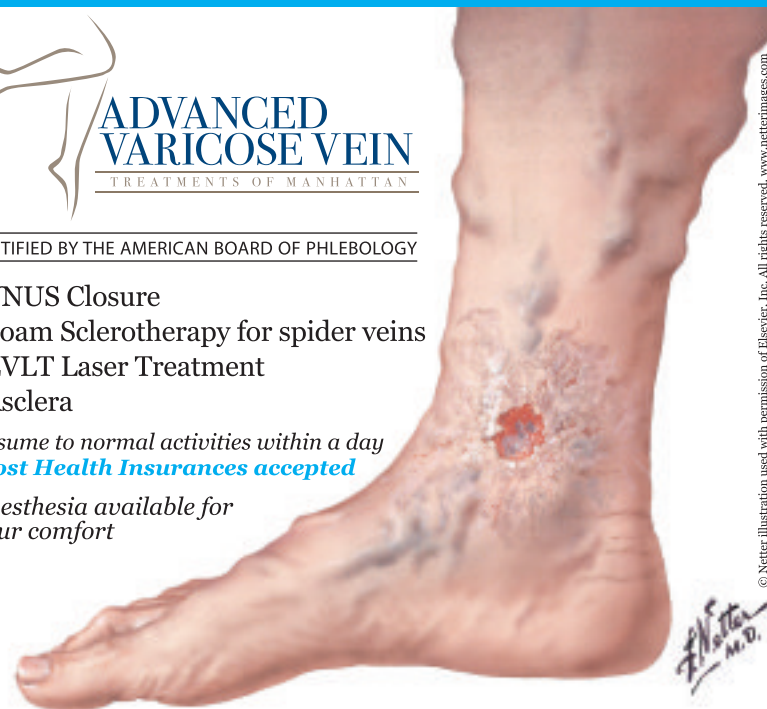
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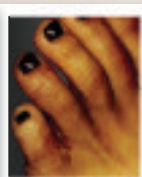
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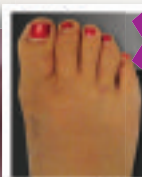
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Tips to find a date for Valentine's without looking like a stalker

Here are four tips from sex counselor Ian Kerner on finding a date for Valentine's Day. It all comes down to you feeling sexy and bold. As long as you're more extroverted and flirtatious than you normally would be, then there's no reason why you shouldn't be getting some.

1 Look out and loiter. "During the day, spend more time loitering in social areas such as where you go for lunch or the coffee bar in case you catch someone's eye. At work, hang out by the water cooler or in the kitchen a little longer. If you have a gym membership, go there in extra cute workout clothes so as to

grab the attention of the hottie running on the next treadmill. If there's someone on the subway you find cute and they're reading a book, spark up a conversation by asking them a question about it."

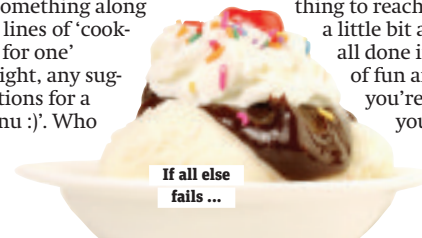
2 "Fleet" (flirty tweets). "Do something cute or clever via Twitter or Facebook. Tweet or update your status to something along the lines of 'cooking for one' tonight, any suggestions for a menu :). Who

knows, someone ... could write back, 'hey, let's cook for two.'"

3 The (s)ex factor. "Look through your e-mails or phone and see if anyone rings any bells like an ex, a sex buddy or someone you have a crush on and with whom you know it'll be just for the night. It's not a bad thing to reach into the past a little bit as long as it's all done in the spirit of fun and that you're not getting yourself into

any sort of emotional entanglement."

4 Sexy and spontaneous. "Organize a spontaneous night out for anyone that doesn't have a sweetie tonight. A lot of venues such as galleries or bars have things geared towards single people on Valentine's Day so it's not too hard to etch out last minute plans. Once you're out, start dancing or chatting with someone you wouldn't normally approach. It helps to have a friend as being two makes you feel more at ease and you'll be more approachable. Be each other's wing (wo)man and laugh about it if things go wrong. ● MWN



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For V-Day, reassess and keep it fresh

► In a long-term relationship gone stale? ► Happily married marriage expert Elizabeth Weil shares secrets

Elizabeth Weil doesn't just have a good marriage, she has a great one. A contributing writer for The New York Times Magazine, she just released a memoir, "No Cheating, No Dying: I Had a Good Marriage. Then I Tried to Make It Better," which chronicles how she and her husband improved their relationship after more than a decade together. Now she shares five ways long-term couples can get back to the honeymoon phase — and keep it going till death do you part.

Do something together that's a little scary

Nothing jump-starts romance like a little fear. "People in long

relationships get really comfortable, and it's good to shake that up — not just a little but a lot," says Weil. "Many of the feelings we associate with falling in love throw us off balance." So for that next date night, skip the fancy dinner and go skydiving or bungee jumping. Weil and her husband, who live in San Francisco, decided to swim to Alcatraz Island and back. "That really put us back in touch with all of those feelings, when we needed each other in a more visceral way."

Make great sex a priority

Don't just have sex — have earth-shaking sex. But to do

that, you'll need to have a very open and honest conversation about your turn-ons. "Don't assume that you know, because you may not," says Weil. "Don't wait until the sex is stale. Talk about it. Decide you want your sex to be great and put some effort into it." Send the kids on a playdate and do it on the bathroom sink. Fulfill a secret fantasy. Get kinky. Go have loud "hotel sex." Whatever it takes.

Put yourself in the other's shoes

"When you're in a long relationship, you think you know the other person and everything they think and feel, but you don't," says Weil. A well-de-

Don't keep score

We all feel overwhelmed at times, but is that really your partner's fault? Comparing how much work each of you does can really get you into trouble. "Don't define fair the same way your 6-year-old does," says Weil. "Be generous to each other. Want what's good for them, not what's good for you."

veloped sense of empathy helps bring couples closer together and cuts down on petty arguments. "When you're not understanding each other, slow down and imagine how the other person feels. Literally, role play as your partner." You'll find you make up quickly (makeup sex!).

Be proactive

Even happy unions have room for improvement. "Treat your emotional life the same way you treat your physical health," says Weil. "Take preventative measures. Stay in shape. If you wait until problems escalate, they're much harder to fix."

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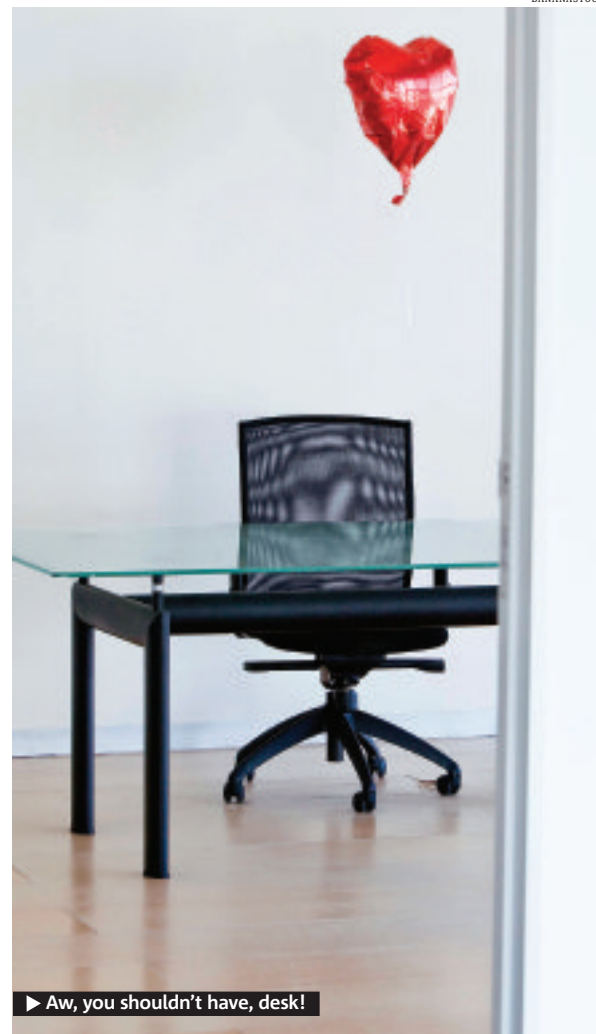
► Chances are you spend just as much time at work as you do with your Valentine ► Make sure you love — or at least enjoy — this part of your life ► Keep the work love flowing by keeping negativity out of your cubicle

As you're running around buying chocolates for loved ones, spend a little time this Valentine's Day considering your affection for that other big part of your life: Your job. "The average full-time employee is spending more than a third of their day on their job," says An-

thony Morrison, vice president of career-matching company Cachinko. "If anything is going to take up that much time, shouldn't it be something you love?"

If you're attempting to reignite the flame at work, remember why you initially fell in love with your position. Heather Huhman, author and founder of recruitment consultants Come Recommended, suggests you stay positive. "Think about all of the great things you've done," she says. "Write down these successes in a spot where you can see them each day to keep your motivation high and attitude positive."

It can also help to form real relationships with co-workers. "Participate in the work community," says Huhman. "It's important to interact with the folks you spend eight or more hours with each day. From time to time, engage in the water cooler chat, take your lunch in the cafeteria or ask a co-worker how their day is going."



► Aw, you shouldn't have, desk!

Have you ever fallen out of love?

As for the everyday bad romances, it's your responsibility to keep negativity out of your cubicle. "No one is in charge of your

happiness but you," says Lynne Sarikas, executive director of the MBA Career Center at Northeastern University in Boston. "If you have colleagues who like to moan and complain, don't listen."

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The religion of art school

► In 'Art Schooled,' Larry Witham explores parallels between art students and churchgoers ► 'Being an artist is more about a way of life and attitude,' he says

In books like "The Measure of God," "A City Upon a Hill" and "Marketplace of the Gods: How Economics Explains Religion," Larry Witham examined religion in the United States from an analytical, erudite point of view.

But his latest — "Art Schooled: A Year Among Prodigies, Rebels and Visionaries at a World-Class Art College" — is an exploration of perhaps the most profoundly secular enclave in American society: the fine arts conservatory.

Unexpectedly, Witham ran into plenty of parallels be-

"There's a definite style, attitude and scene that young artists are attracted to — and it can provide access to the art market, though it's no guarantee."

LARRY WITHAM

tween art students and churchgoers.

"Contemporary art is kind of its own religion. Sociologists will tell you this," says the former Washington Times reporter. "You've got to know the language, the rituals, the art theology and — just like any religion — if you're not familiar with these things, you don't feel like an insider."

Witham embedded himself at the revered Maryland Institute College of Art, attending classes, gallery events and administrative meetings. But he spent the majority of his time

with individual students, tracking their work and play, as well as their developing zeitgeist.

"I realized that over the last 30 years, being an artist is more about a way of life and attitude. And skills have become somewhat secondary," explains Witham. "There's a definite style, attitude and scene that young artists are attracted to — and it can provide access to the art market, though it's no guarantee."



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Tradition vs. tech

Witham noticed a growing divide between the traditional art student and a new breed: the graphic design/IT technophile.

► "Some people can make it just by knowing the technology, but other artists still have to make it by mastering a skill — by being able to do something very traditional very well," he explains.



► Larry Witham observed students at the Maryland Institute College of Art for his new book.

Sports careers for the rest of us

Glenn Capeloto still recalls the score of the very first professional sporting event he ever attended: Supersonics 146, 76ers 136. It was 1969, and it was love at first sight.

Later, while attending the University of Washington, Capeloto did radio play-by-play for Huskies Football. And he has managed to keep his toe in the sports industry ever since, working as a statistician, copywriter, salesman and just about anything else that keeps him in the front row.

"I didn't make it as a sportscaster — which was my initial dream — but I still got to be side-by-side with Vin Scully. There's just an inexplicable energy to being in the press box. It's a special fraternity," he explains. "I did dozens of jobs in pro sports, and none of them require that you be 7-foot-2 or hit a baseball 450 feet."

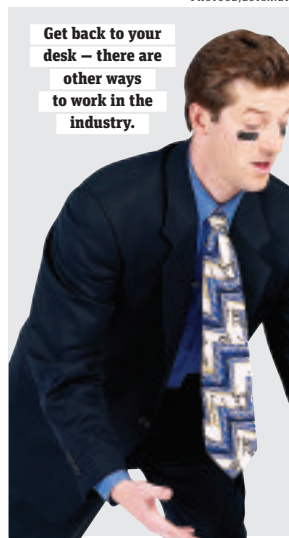
Capeloto's first book, "You're In the Front Row: How to Kick Off Your Career in Sports, Even if You're Not a Star Athlete," will be released this month. In 368 pages,

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Reviews

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE: OUTERWEAR HEATS UP NYFW



1 Alexander Wang
If fall 2012 is shaping up to be the season of outerwear, then Alexander Wang is owning it. He built his collection around one singular message: the coat. And not just any coat, but a lean, mean, glossy and slightly futuristic specimen that we predict will be one of the most photographed items of next season (second place goes to his covetable boots). Each look was a successful experiment in fabric manipulation, starting with the opener: a lacquered wool tweed raincoat that shone like plastic. But most interestingly, the collection seemed to signal a gradual progression toward a more grown-up, sophisticated look for Wang. His trademark model-off-duty was nowhere to be seen, though the show was heavy on top models — Karolina Kurkova, Shalom Harlow, Carmen Kass and Gisele Bündchen closed the show. ● **KENYA HUNT**

2 Prabal Gurung
Prabal Gurung came out guns blazing for his fall outing, titled “uncursed.” Stating in interviews that a newfound confidence and internal journey from hell to heaven was his inspiration, he first sent models down the runway in strong, all black, dominatrix-esque separates including beautifully tailored, flared trousers, neoprene cocktail dresses with sexy sheer tulle inserts and luxe coats. Next came a blue series featuring more of the digital prints he used for spring before the finale of looks in softer ivory and gold. The last two series had some misfires — organza ruffles felt too precious and the show closer, an ivory gown with sequins

► Alexander Wang owns the season of the coat
► From Jason Wu’s hard-edged military numbers to Rebecca Taylor’s cool, slouchy herringbone



and ostrich feathers, read Vegas showgirl. But if the black selections were his “cursed” looks, please cast a spell on us now. ● **TINA CHADHA**

3 Jason Wu
It was refreshing to see Jason Wu, who has built an impressive business on the polished, pretty and girly (just look at his upcoming Target collection), go tough for fall in such a smart and unique way. For Wu, the process of transforming his soft and uber feminine muse into a proper badass meant going back to his Chinese roots and exploring images of the country throughout history, from the Qing dynasty to the Mao jacket. That translated into a series of beautifully executed military coats and jackets loaded with rich Far Eastern details and innovative construction. They came in all manner of hybrids — take for one the belted leather number in olive green, covered in black lace, with quilted leather shoulders and oversized pockets. Meanwhile, loyalists who like their Wu pretty and polished will want his embroidered dresses — though these weren’t nearly as intriguing as his hard-edged coat and trouser combos. ● **KH**

4 Peter Som
Som’s brand of power dressing for fall was a step outside the average 9-to-5er’s realm in terms of luxury and glamour. He cleverly combined masculine tailoring and feminine details, taking inspiration from old Hollywood icons such as Katharine Hepburn and Marlene Dietrich — hardly new ideas in the fashion world. But he executed them in a way that was exciting. Take his

Three to watch

Meet jewelry designer **Dana Lorenz**, model **Cora Emmanuel** and blogger **Natalie Joos**. Here’s why the fashion scene is buzzing about them.

Dana Lorenz

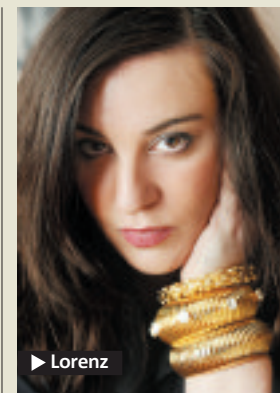
Jewelry designer Fenton/Fallon

Background: In the past two years, this editor’s favorite

has really taken off, thanks in part to her CFDA nominations in 2010 and 2011.

The look: Strength and individuality. “However, Fenton’s aesthetic inspires fantasy and is always derived from a pop-culture reference, while Fallon’s graphic pieces have the spirit and rebelliousness of youth,” says Lorenz.

Why you should care: The label has already collaborated with Proenza Schouler, J.Crew and Prabal Gurung’s fall show. She’s got some heavyweight celebs behind her, too



► Lorenz



— namely Michelle Obama, Blake Lively, Jessica Alba and Jessica Stam.

Cora Emmanuel

Model
Background: You might think that it's every girl's dream to be a model, but it wasn't so for Emmanuel — she wanted to be an architect like her father. After some nudging from her mom, she entered a modeling competition in her home island of Martinique. She's now with Ford and Premier



► Emmanuel



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treatment of the age-old pep-
lum, which undulated in
waves around the waist or
came edged in ultra feminine
frills. Other highlights includ-
ed his patchwork dresses and
fur coats and slouchy peg-leg
trousers. If anything seemed
out of sync, it was the kitten-
printed silk separates, which
seemed to distract from the
untouchably cool tone he had
established for the show. ● KH

5 Rebecca Taylor
“Who’re you calling a girly
girl?” seems to be the
statement Rebecca Taylor is
making with her fall outing.
This season, her girl is
swapping her signature silky
camis and flirty frocks for an
edgier look. To Azealia Banks’
“212,” Taylor sent out studded
leggings, laid-back, cozy knits
and — yup, we’re going to say
it — dope outerwear. We see
her slouchy herringbone coat,
shearling motorcycle and quilt-
ed leather jacket being
scooped up by uptown and
downtown girls alike — such
as Olivia Palermo and Zoe
Kravitz, who were both seated
front row. ● TC

6 Creatures of the Wind
Designers Shane Gabier
and Chris Peters patched
together a hodgepodge of
prints, fabrics, colors and
ideas in just about every look
during their hot-ticket show
(Anna Wintour and Jenna
Lyons were two show-goers).
Examples include a cotton top
with black and white graph-
ic-printed shoulders and a
brown and orange plaid
bodice with a purple and
pink brocade and striped
skirt. We could see a quirky
bird like Bjork wearing these
intricately constructed looks
— but everyday shoppers,
not so much. ● TC

Show-side Q&A



► Lyons

J.Crew President Jenna Lyons at Prabal Gurung

We’ve been seeing you at a lot of shows this season.
I’m part of the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund committee and Prabal was a nominee.

What did you love from his show?

I’m dying over the third look [a black, patent leather jacket with fox- and goat-hair sleeves]! I’m going to call Prabal tomorrow.

What are some other shows you’re planning to attend?
Derek Lam. We’re friends. We went to college together.

What’s your game plan for getting ready for Fashion Week?

I’m dressed up every day. If I wear a turtleneck or I’m not in 5-inch heels, people think I’m sick.



Lyons lusts after this Prabal look.

models.
The look: “I have a very boyish, natural and easy look. I like wearing basics like black jeans and a T-shirt,” says Emmanuel. Yes, that reads like the standard model uniform, but she’s versatile, having walked for everyone from Michael Kors to Alexander Wang — one of her favorite shows.
Why you should care: She’s got an impressive résumé plus the drive to push it further. She’s got her eyes set on Marc Jacobs and Miu Miu: “The few black models that have been in this

show are so beautiful — and I want to be one of them.”

Natalie Joos

Casting agent turned blogger

Background: Some fashion bloggers set up a blog to work their way into the industry. But Joos’ motives were different. “Everyone was doing it, so why not me? I had the connections, writing skills and interests — particularly vintage clothing,” she says of www.talesof



► Joos

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The look: “I’ve always loved the retro look — wearing vintage is a bit like playing dress-up,” Joos says. “My first dresses belonged to Princesse de Merode of Belgium — a girl’s dream.”
Why you should care: She’s one of the most-snapped fashion insiders on the street-style circuit, not to mention she’s worked with a long list of designers, including 3.1 Phillip Lim and Helmut Lang. She also hints that a television project is in the works. ● METRO/RP



Reviews (cont.)

1 Suno
Max Osterweis and Erin Beatty's trademark prints got bigger, bolder and less overtly ethnic this season. The globe-trotting element they're known for was missing, replaced instead with a kind of art world whimsy. Some of the most intriguing looks were surprisingly the least Suno-esque, such as a nude intarsia mock-neck sweater layered over a silk halter top and matching ruffled skirt, as well as a simple, oversized fisherman sweater paired with a black leather pencil skirt. The

duo is clearly trying to figure out how to evolve from its African wax-print foundation. It will be interesting to see where they end up. ● KH

2 Helmut Lang
In a lot of ways, Michael and Nicole Colovos' autumn collection mirrored the audience — that slick, minimalist, all-black fashion editor's look complete with sharply tailored jackets and trousers. Frankly, there will always be a market for a well-made moto jacket, but it doesn't necessarily make for the most exciting runway show. Things got more interesting when they worked in color, such as an oxblood trouser suit (burgundy is big this season) and a

variety of graphic-printed dresses. ● KH

3 Richard Chai Love
The girls dressed like boys in masculine coats and laid-back trousers in Chai's joint men's and women's wear show. And the guys wore voluminous parkas cinched at the waist — a shape-defining trick the ladies know well. The rest of the collection, however, was all masculine. Perhaps it has something to do with Chai's recent appointment as creative director of Filson, the rugged outdoor clothing brand. The end result: practical separates in mostly gloomy colors, such as navy, with a smattering of floral chiffon pants and a slew of

handsome outerwear. The oversized utility pockets found on some of the looks, however, should be left for hunting trips rather than the urban jungle. ● TC

4 Cushnie et Ochs
Though Carly Cushnie and Michelle Ochs started out their fall show with some body-con stunners (the dresses with cut-outs showcasing the décolletage were both provocative and elegant), there were some issues. Namely, we can't see anyone bigger than a B cup gracefully fitting into these numbers. And second, the pencil skirts with the dangerously high slits in the back straddle the line between dark and sexy and just plain

hoochie. The duos use of zipper embellishments was a fun update to their edgy aesthetic. ● TC

5 Rag & Bone
As temperatures in New York dropped down to glacial lows, Marcus Wainwright and David Neville's dense layering didn't seem like such a bad idea. Who wouldn't want a chic and cozy blanket coat to toss over a trouser suit like the strong opening look? The only problem is that heavy layering — especially when it involves elements like, say, a printed wrap dress over a knit turtle-neck and trousers — can only go so far before it starts to add awkward lumps. That said, look for their perfectly cool

separates and coats in stores, but maybe think hard before imitating the runway styling. ● KH

6 Costello Tagliapietra
Jeffrey Costello and Robert Tagliapietra have established a method that has worked well for them: soft, feminine, vaguely retro dresses that look great no matter what the trend of the moment. Still, one can't help sometimes wishing for a bit more from the popular duo — a bigger dose of the unexpected to shock the senses. The digital prints they turned out came pretty close, adding a jolt of the future to their always pretty, vintage-flavored draped jersey dresses. ● KH

Street style: The stylish ladies of NYFW



Preetma Singh

Occupation: Blogger and writer
What she's wearing: "A JW Anderson dress and jacket."



Susie Bubble

Occupation: Blogger
What she's wearing: "I'm wearing Derek Lam trousers, an Issey Miyake cardigan and Armani shoes."



Shiona Turini

Occupation: Teen Vogue's accessories director
What she's wearing: "A Prada skirt, Tommy Hilfiger jacket and Helmut Lang sweater. The scarf and shoes are Burberry; the bag is Chanel."



Kate Lanphear

Occupation: Style director, U.S. Elle
What she's wearing: "An Alexander McQueen skirt and top, and the clutch and shoes are by YSL."



Peony Lim

Occupation: Fashion blogger
What she's wearing: "An Hermes suit, Christian Louboutin shoes, a vintage bag — and the hat, gloves and glasses are unbranded from Venice, Italy."



Hanneli Mustaparta

Occupation: Blogger
What she's wearing: "An Opening Ceremony top; the pants and jacket are by ACNE, Ralph Lauren gloves and a Monica Chiang bag."

Spotted front row



1. Zoe Saldana at Prabal Gurung
2. Padma Lakshmi and Susan Sarandon at Costello Tagliapietra
3. Arianna Huffington arrives at the Prabal Gurung show.
4. Gabourey Sidibe and Mena Suvari at Christian Siriano
5. The Courtin-Clarins girls
6. Zoe Kravitz at Alexander Wang
7. Julia Restoin Roitfeld and Carine Roitfeld attend the Alexander Wang show.



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Readers passionate about contraception

RE: "RIGHT'S WAR ON WOMEN?": To all up in arms over contraceptive "rights": No one is trampling on your rights. You have the right to abstain or to pay for your own contraceptives. You don't have the right to make those who disagree with your choices pay for them through taxes or higher insurance premiums. **SHOSHANA ROSE, VIA E-MAIL**

With the new plan President Obama has come up with, religious organizations, charities and hospitals will still

need to offer insurance and then pay the premium. This means they are actually paying for the actual cost of such contraceptive services! All I can say is that Thomas Jefferson and the founding fathers must be turning over in their graves. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., GLEN OAKS VILLAGE**

Had Obama, who took an oath to support and defend the U.S. Constitution, understood the concept of God-given rights, he never would have enacted ObamaCare and would not have been at odds with the Catholic Church.

Where does King Obama come off saying "we decided" to grant the Church special dispensation relating to their concerns about being forced to be part of actions specifically condemned by their teachings?

JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL

I fail to understand how forcing an institution that actively preaches against a certain thing to fund it can be fine, but not interfering in any way with a person's right to make her own choices can be an affront to religious liberty. **JESSE M. PORCH, VIA E-MAIL**

The Catholic Church finds itself in yet another dilemma. Contraception has, over the years, prevented millions of abortions.

BOB SIKSO, NEW YORK

Liberals like Brayden Simms and Suzy Sandor prove one thing: Democrats are anti-Christian and uneducated.

ROCKY LORE, VIA E-MAIL

If the administration is so worried about the "women's health issue," why not free contraception for men?

JOAN BACHMAN, HAZLET, NJ

God bestowed upon man the freedom of choice. Adam had a choice. Abraham had a choice. The people, through Pilate, had a choice. God is obviously pro-choice.

MARK NOBLE, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♈ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Go out of your way to find some time to be with an old friend, because it'll give you a lift in a big way.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Successful end results can be achieved through persistence and tenacity.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Regardless of what you're working on, even if it is something new, results should be pleasant and copious.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It may have taken more time than it should have, but that acknowledgement you deserve for something done the hard way will finally be there.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you won't be intimidated or taken for granted, you'll manage to be practical about how you handle things.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you're in need of someone to confide in, be sure to seek out a practical-minded recipient whom you can open up to without fear of reprisal.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Because you're willing to be cooperative and to make some hard concessions, you'll set the example for those you're dealing with.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A single-mindedness of purpose and total dedication to your objectives will be the reason for your success.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You're not likely to feel comfortable or effective when around individuals whose philosophy or standards don't match yours.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A long-standing personal matter that has been hanging around your neck for far too long may finally be put to rest.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Go ahead and ask for that much-needed advice, but be prepared to receive some bittersweet counsel.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although there won't be any free rides offered, that doesn't mean your powers of acquisition will be totally impotent. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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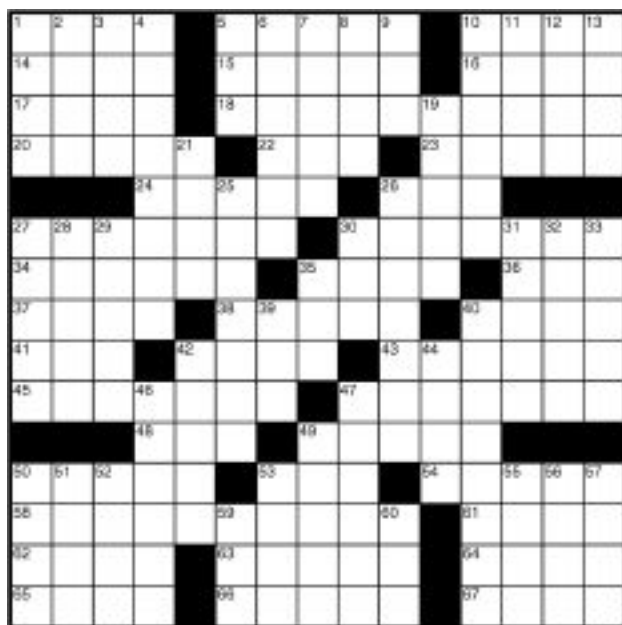
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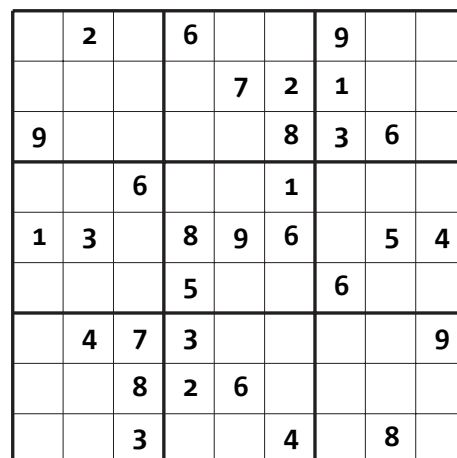
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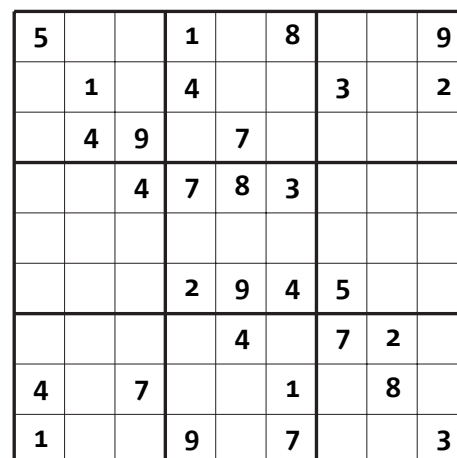
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► Burnett, center, would likely have a lower ERA in the pitcher-friendly National League.

BURN OUT?

► Yankees appear to be nearing deal with Pirates for A.J. Burnett ► Negotiations ongoing over cash, players

Don't hold the celebration yet, Yankees fans, but it appears as though much-maligned right-hander A.J. Burnett could be out the door soon.

According to multiple sources, the Yankees and Pirates are nearing a deal that would send Burnett to Pittsburgh in exchange for a prospect or even a player to fill their vacant designated hitter position. The Pirates reportedly do not want to include outfielder Garrett Jones, a lefty slugger, in any possible trade.

Of course, more than a player, the issue is coming down to money.

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A.J. Burnett's record for the Yankees is 34-35 with a 4.79 ERA. That is well below what the Yankees expected when they signed him for five years and \$82.5 million.

The Yankees owe Burnett \$33 million over the last two years of his contract, an exorbitant sum that the Pirates couldn't afford.

New York is reportedly looking to pick up about \$10 million, while the Pirates

would prefer closer to a 50-50 split.

The writing was on the wall for Burnett's ouster once the Yankees traded for young flamethrower Michael Pineda from the Mariners and signed veteran Hiroki Kuroda. Those two starters, in addition to CC Sabathia and Ivan Nova meant Freddy Garcia and Phil Hughes would be looking at the No. 5 spot, not to mention top prospects Manny Banuelos and Dellin Betances.

Burnett was just 11-11, with a 5.15 ERA last season.

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In the news



Mickelson wins
Lefty showed he could more than just handle the Tiger Woods heat, he could extinguish it completely.

Playing in the same group as Woods, Mickelson shot an incredible 8-under par yesterday to win the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am going away. Woods, meanwhile, crumbled shooting a 3-over 75 to finish tied for 15th.



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Striking out

Yankees GM Brian Cashman has often struck out in signing free agent pitchers.

- **Jaret Wright (3 years, \$21M)**
He was coming off a 15-win season with Atlanta in 2004, but was 16-12 with a 4.99 ERA in two seasons here.
- **Carl Pavano (4 years, \$40M)**
The man who was always hurt won nine games in four years, from 2005-2008.
- **Kei Igawa (5 years, \$20M)**
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Prust can't get a break from his own team

What do you get a guy who has not scored a goal in nearly four months?

Not the Broadway Hat.

The hat, a fedora specifically, is given by the Rangers' player to the top player of the game, who wears it in the locker room during interviews.

Left wing Brandon Prust was not awarded the Broadway Hat, despite scoring the game-winning goal in the Rangers' 3-2 victory over the Washington Capitals, his first since October. Defenseman Ryan McDonagh was presented with the



fedora after scoring a goal and playing 25:23, mostly matched up against Capitals star Alex Ovechkin. The goal was Prust's third of the season and it came while short-handed.

"Did he get the hat?"

John Tortorella asked during his postgame press conference. After he was informed the recipient was McDonagh, Tortorella brought the room down when he replied, "McDonagh got the hat? Pruster should have gotten the hat."

After the laughter subsided, Tortorella added, "You pull for him."

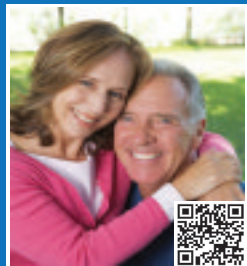
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► Ryan Callahan (24) celebrates his first period goal with teammates during the team's 3-2 win over the floundering Capitals.

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What a difference

- A year's time has meant a major change in fortunes of Rangers, Capitals
- Blueshirts hold best record in East ► Washington fights for playoff lives

Two hundred and ninety-eight days is not an especially long period of time, but for the Rangers and Capitals, it might as well be a lifetime ago.

It was 298 days ago that the Rangers' 2010-11 season effectively came to a heartbreaking end, as they blew a three-goal, third-period lead and lost, 4-3, in double overtime to the Capitals in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals at the Garden. Three days later, the Rangers dropped a 3-1 decision to lose the series in five games.

The Rangers and Capitals have engaged in role reversal nearly a full calendar year later. The Rangers increased their

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The Rangers have 77 points this season (36-13-5), first in the Eastern Conference and first in the NHL prior to Detroit's late game against the Flyers last night.

Eastern Conference-leading point total to 77 after Sunday afternoon's nationally televised 3-2 win over the Capitals at the Garden.

Washington is one point out of the last playoff spot in the East and has the appearance of

a team that does not know what it wants to be.

"I like it this way a lot better," Brandon Prust said after scoring the game-winning, short-handed goal. It was his first goal since the Rangers' 3-2 overtime win over Calgary on Oct. 20.

"It's a little different. They were the team with the bull's eye on their back. This year it's kind of us [in that role]. Definitely a little different."

What last year's series highlighted was the Rangers' need for a potent attack.

Enter free agent signing Brad Richards.

Richards is the first to admit

that his production is not where he wants it to be, as he only has 39 points in 53 games. Still, he has merged his game into the style the Rangers play.

"The foundation is there. Obviously they wanted to add some talent to get more goals, help the goaltending they have and the defensive structure they have," Richards said while standing outside the Rangers' dressing room after Sunday's win. "We're not taking away from that. That's the structure of the team — the best way we can compete."



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Islanders lose to Panthers

They say it's always good to score first in any sport. Not for the Islanders yesterday.

Frans Nielsen scored for New York just over three minutes into the game — on the team's first shot on goal — only to see the team allow four unanswered goals the remainder of the game in a 4-1 loss to Florida.



The Panthers' Tyson Strachan tied the game at 1-1 in the first period on his first career goal.

Tomas Fleischmann, Kris Versteeg and Jack Skille scored three goals in under 15 minutes in the second period to provide the final margin of victory.

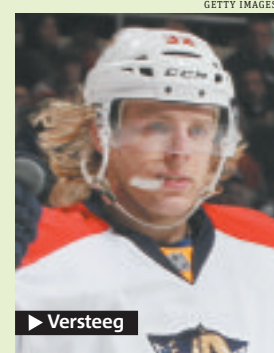
The goal for Versteeg was

his 22nd of the season, tied for a career high.

Jose Theodore got the win in net for Florida, making his first start since injuring his knee on Jan. 20. He made 26 saves.

On the other side, Isles goalie Evgeni Nabokov struggled, getting pulled after the disastrous second period.

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